



## **EOC Daily Emergency Management Report**

**Date:** 4/11/2013  
**Time:** 12:07pm EDT  
**Report No:** 097

### **Alerts & Warnings**

**FEMA National Watch Center at a Watch/Steady State level**  
**National Terrorism Advisory System (NTAS) – No Current Alerts**  
**Continuity of Operations (COOP) COGCON Level is 4**  
**EPA HQ at Level 6 (Steady State)**  
**EPA R6 REOC at Level 3 (extended response/single incident) for Mayflower, AR Oil Spill**

### **EPA Headquarters Activities**

ASPECT (Airborne Spectral Photometric Environmental Collection Technology) is available and operational, but the GPS receiver/software on the Line Scanner computer failed to properly collect data during the weekly system check. A replacement unit is scheduled to be installed on April 16. The Line Scanner is still operational, but geo-coding will need to be accomplished by the reach back team. This will delay the delivery of IR imagery by 1 hour. All other systems are fully operational.

Portable High Throughput Integrated Laboratory Identification Systems (PHILIS) labs and assets (located in Edison, NJ and Castle Rock, CO) are operational and available for deployment.

The ERT Trace Atmospheric Gas Analyzer (TAGA) (Las Vegas & RTP) & Mobile Command Posts are available for deployment. ERT TAGA (Edison) has been deployed to the New Method Cleaners Site in Trenton, NJ.

### **Significant National Weather**

A band of severe weather stretching from Texas to the Ohio Valley produced a total of 164 wind reports, 90 hail reports, and 6 preliminary tornado reports. The most significant impacts were reported in the Middle Mississippi Valley. In Missouri, severe weather produced thunderstorms, locally heavy rainfall and winds, and possible tornado activity. Snow, ice, rain, & flash flooding across the Northern Plains and Great Lakes with additional precipitation expected today.

**Tropical Activity:** There is no activity affecting U.S. territories.

**Tornado Weather:** There is a 2 - 5 percent chance of tornado activity today across parts of the Mississippi River Valley, Ohio River Valley, Central Appalachians and the Mid-Atlantic.

**Significant Flood Outlook:** Significant river flooding is occurring in portions of northern North Dakota. Flooding is likely or possible across areas of the upper Midwest including parts of Minnesota, Missouri, Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, and Michigan. In the Northeast, significant flooding is possible in areas of New York, Vermont, and Connecticut.

**Critical Fire Weather:** No Critical Fire Weather is forecast for today.

### **Report of Incident Notifications**

**Wilson Junkyard Oil Spill, Poplar, Montana.** On April 10, a Region 8 OSC was dispatched to the site of an oil spill in Poplar, MT. An oil sheen was visible on the Poplar River, and the oil was emanating from the junkyard.

**Oil Spill, Clear Creek, CO.** On April 10, a Region 8 OSC was dispatched to the site of an oil spill of approximately 15 gallons of diesel in Clear Creek. Colorado Highway Patrol (CHP) Hazmat placed boom on site for containment. When the clean up contractor hired by the Oldxpress Trucking Co. failed to show up, CHP Hazmat requested EPA assistance to complete the clean up.

**Oil Spill, Gary, IN.** On April 10, the National Response Center was notified that a chemical was in a ditch near a private residence. The caller stated that the ditch is about 10 feet wide and 2 feet deep and runs through several cities. At the request of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) and the U.S. Coast Guard, a Region 5 OSC is responding to the report of heavy oil sheen in the 10 foot wide ditch in Gary, Indiana. The OSC arrived on-scene on April 11 and is assessing the situation.

**Mystery Spill, Elwood, IN.** On April 10, EPA received a request for assistance from the IDEM (Indiana) in the response to a mystery spill in Elwood, IN that is impacting a water well that may also be a drinking water source. A family was living in a barn with animals after their home burned. The animals started dying and Indiana Board of Animal Health (IBAH) was called. IBAH discovered that the pH for well water used for decontamination tested at 11-12 (caustic). The family has been evacuated from the facility. Approximately 75-100 dead animals were located in four barns on the property. Madison County Health is also involved in the response. IDEM is responding and requested EPA assistance. A Region 5 OSC is responding.

**Abandoned Drums, Snow Hill, NC.** On the morning of April 9, a Region 4 OSC responded to a report that eight abandoned drums were dumped in a farmer's field. The drums were labeled with Siemens Aqua-Scrub, but the contents were unknown. The OSC coordinated with Greene County EMA as well as the property owner to secure the site. Siemens agreed to pick up and dispose of the drums.

**Sulfuric Acid Spill, Calhoun, GA.** At approximately 1:00 PM ET on April 10, a release of 250 gallons of sulfuric acid (~50%) occurred from a tote within a semi trailer, which leaked onto the roadway of eastbound GA Highway 53 and then eastward to the overpass of I-75. Gordon County Hazmat responded, secured the trailer, identified the corrosive liquid as sulfuric acid, and contacted a response contractor to provide cleanup services. GAEPD contacted EPA Region 4 to request federal assistance and oversight due to difficulties in locating a viable party able and willing to conduct the response.

**Evans Road Recycling Fire, Apex, NC.** At approximately 7:00 PM ET on April 10, EPA received a report from Wake County EMS regarding a fire at a recycling operation on Evans Road in Apex, NC. Wake County Operations Center received numerous resident complaints from multiple municipalities including Raleigh, Apex and Morrisville. There were complaints of a strong chemical odor. An EPA OSC and START mobilized to the scene to provide air monitoring and sampling support. Upon arrival the fire had been extinguished. The recycling operation salvaged and scrapped used propane tanks. The OSC determined the odor to likely be ethyl mercaptan, which is an additive to propane. The OSC and START demobilized in the early morning.

There were 35 epaos.org websites created and/or updated during this reporting period (4/10/13– 4/11/13).

### **Exercises / Pre-Deployments**

Nothing to report.

**Regional Daily Ops Status Report**

Reported activities primarily represent NRC notifications with some state-level and other notifications to Regional Phone Duty Officers.

**Reported Activities (4/10/13 – 4/11/13)**

<b>Region</b>	<b>Oil</b>	<b>Hazmat</b>	<b>Radiation</b>	<b>Other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Region 1	2	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Region 2	3	1	0	2	<b>6</b>
Region 3	9	1	0	4	<b>14</b>
Region 4	9	7	0	5	<b>21</b>
Region 5	10	1	0	1	<b>12</b>
Region 6	1	2	0	0	<b>3</b>
Region 7	1	1	0	1	<b>3</b>
Region 8	2	1	0	0	<b>3</b>
Region 9	15	2	0	14	<b>31</b>
Region 10	8	0	0	1	<b>9</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>104</b>

**Note: There were 18 unclassified events in the Hotline Log.**